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SUBJ: MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. ADDERLEY ON BASES AND SPINY LOBSTER. IN A VERY BRIEF EXCHANGE ON JUNE 21 ADDERLEY CONFIRMED WHAT I HAD PREDICTED IN NASSAU 974, NAMELY THAT CABINET WAS UNLIKELY TO GET AROUND TO EITHER BASES OR SPINY LOBSTER PROBLEM WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS. ADDERLEY STATED SOMEWHAT WISTFULLY "I GUESS WE WILL HAVE TO SEND YOU ANOTHER SIX MONTHS LETTER ON THE BASES." GIVEN MY RECOMMENDATION IN NASSAU 974 I DID NOT PURSUE THE SPINY LOBSTER ISSUE (OR THE BASES) FURTHER.

2. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MENNELL ON UK BASE NEGOTIATIONS. ON JUNE 20 MENNELL MENTIONED THAT HMG WAS PUSHING COMPLETION OF THEIR 3.5 MILLION POUND BASE DEAL WITH THE GCOB. ONE FEATURE WHICH WE HAD NOT HERETOFORE HEARD OF INVOLVES THE ESTABLISHMENT (TO QUOTE MENNELL) OF A "MARINE BASE FACILITY". THIS WILL APPARENTLY INVOLVE A FACILITY FOR THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE TRAINING AND MAINTAINING OF A MARINE PATROL FORCE WHICH MENNELL DESCRIBED AS HAVING A CAPABILITY ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO US COAST GUARD. FACILITY WOULD BE AT CORAL HARBOR LOCATED ON SOUTHWEST SIDE OF NEW PROVIDENCE. MENNELL STATED THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FACILITY WOULD CUT DOWN HARDWARE PORTION OF THE UK PACKAGE AND WOULD REQUIRE "A FEW MILLION
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DOLLARS" MATCHING CONTRIBUTION BY GCOB. MENNELL'S CONCERN

WAS THAT GCOB SEEMED TO HAVE OVERLY AMBITIOUS DESIRES, FOR
EXAMPLE, TO INCLUDE AS PART OF A "MARINE FACILITY" THE INCLU-
SION OF SOME SORT OF A YOUTH FORCE CONTINGENT (SEE NASSAU 724).

3. BRITISH INTELLIGENCE UNIT FOR THE CARIBBEAN. THE BRITISH
HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS A NAVAL COMMANDER ASSIGNED TO HIS
STAFF WHO IS GREATLY UNDEREMPLOYED. MENNELL REVEALED THAT
IN ORDER TO FORESTALL THE LOSS OF THIS POSITION, WHICH HE
FEELS HE NEEDS, HE HAS PROPOSED THAT THIS POSITION HAVE
ADDED TO IT A "CARIBBEAN INTELLIGENCE GATHERING FUNCTION."
MENNELL BELIEVES THAT LONDON WILL APPROVE.
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